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### Britain's New Ministry

The Right Honorable Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, who was summoned by King Edward yesterday to form a cabinet, has a long handle to his name. He was created a G. C. B. in 1895 and he is as well a Privy Councillor, a Master of Arts, a Doctor of Laws, a Deputy Lieutenant of his county, a Justice of the Peace and he has represented Stirling in the House of Commons ever since 1868. He was born in 1836 being the youngest son of the late Sir James Campbell of Forfarshire. He assumed the additional name of Bannerman under the will of a maternal uncle to whose estate he succeeded. In 1860 he married the daughter of General Sir Charles Bruce. He was educated at Glasgow and Cambridge Universities.

He was Financial Secretary to the War Office, 1871-4, and 1880-2; Secretary to the Admiralty 1882-4; Chief Secretary for Ireland 1884-5, and Secretary of State for War 1886, 1892-5. He has been the leader of the British Liberal party in the House of Commons since February, 1899, succeeding Lord Roseberry.

If Campbell-Bannerman succeeds in forming a government it will be the first Liberal government for ten years, and there has been none of any permanence since Gladstone retired from the guidance of affairs. Lord Roseberry was the last head of a liberal government. But it was a short-lived one.

It is difficult at this distance to see what elements Campbell-Bannerman can weld together to form a ministry that will have the support of the House of Commons. If he is not able to form a government having that support, it is probable he will recommend the dissolution of Parliament and an appeal to the country through a general election.

If, as is stated by the cable, the new cabinet includes Morley, Asquith, Elgin, and Gray, it will contain men for whom, in America great consideration is felt. The Earl of Elgin is the grandson of that Lord Elgin who when Ambassador to Turkey collected the Elgin marbles. He was born in Monklands near Montreal. His father was Viceroy of India, and he himself has been Viceroy, preceeding Lord Curzon. Morley is perhaps the best known in America, through his literary work which ranks high.

### The M'Candless Protest

President Roosevelt has approved the bond issue of \$750,000 recommended by Governor Carter, and the measure only awaits the approval of Secretary of the Treasury Shaw to make everything ready for the issuance and sale of the bonds and the expenditure of the money on such projects as the Governor shall decide on. It is to be expected that the approval of Secretary Shaw will be forthcoming.

The protest signed by Senator McCandless and other members of the Hawaiian legislature has not had the effect of preventing the Presidential approval of the Governor's plan. So far as the present is concerned, the Governor carries his point.

Nevertheless, Senator McCandless and those who joined with him in the protest, have a right to feel that they have performed an important public duty. As they point out in the protest it is a matter of small importance whether \$750,000 or \$1,377,000 is borrowed and expended, as compared with the importance of the principle of the right of the people to direct their own financial affairs through their legislature. As the protest makes clear, the action of the Governor and its approval by the President, unless some other means shall be found to test and rectify the matter, forever robs the people of this Territory of the right or ability to secure any public improvement, no matter how urgent or how much desired, against the whim or caprice of whoever may be the Governor for the time being. The legislature may provide the money and vote it. The Governor may sign the bill approving the expenditure. And then in wantonness or spite, from interested motives or from mere caprice, may give the legislature and the people the merry ha! ha! and refuse to spend the money or provide the desired public improvement, under the precedent now set. The Governor cannot spend money for unauthorized projects; but he can refuse to spend it for projects which the people through their legislature have directed it to be spent for.

A dangerous precedent has been set. But Senator McCandless and those who joined with him have clearly pointed out the danger both to the Governor and to the people. It is not yet too late for the Governor to reconsider whether he wants to take the responsibility of so dangerous a step or not.

### The Kealia Lands And Molokans

It is to be hoped that the Russian colony, with which negotiations are now pending for settlement at Kealia, Kauai, are now in progress, will be secured. It will be a decisive step in the direction of settling the Territory with a white population living on and tilling the soil. These people are not coming here—if they come—to make a fortune and leave, nor to send away the money they earn to be spent in a foreign country. They are coming here to found and perpetuate homes. They will come to make this Territory their permanent abiding place, to find here opportunity in the cultivation of the soil to lead the upright, the industrious and the frugal life, and to rear their families according to their deeply religious ideas.

There is no case of land grabbers nor land speculators. Homes are the primal and the principal thing they seek. No conditions of residence and cultivation are too arduous for them to undertake.

The only difficulty in the way of securing them seems to be the price at which the land can be given them. Under the law it must be appraised, and at the appraised value and no other, can it be given them. The question is can the appraised valuation be brought within the limits they are willing to pay and at the same time be a full compliance with the law? The value of land here as elsewhere depends on what can be done with it. If any land is sold outright, without conditions, so that the purchaser is free to do with it as he will, to hold it for speculation, to hold it as a non-resident, to treat it as he will, it will bring a higher price than if conditions are imposed as to the use it shall be put to, the requirements of occupation and cultivation, and the final tenure. In the one case the purchaser acquires the utmost potential value of the land, and pays nothing else for it but his money. But if conditions of residence and cultivation are imposed, the purchaser does not at once acquire the fullest possible value of the land. Besides his money he must yet give something else. Under the settlement association law not only must the individual give his time and labor in addition to his money, but he must give himself. The com-

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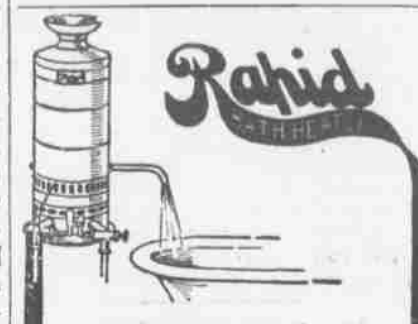
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munity of which he is a part must give itself. If the settlement association is carried out in its spirit, the money paid for the land is the smallest part of the consideration. The country gets what is more valuable than money—citizens tilling the soil, creating wealth, homes, and the framework and the bulwark of the state.

These things must be taken into consideration in appraising the land for purposes of sale to those who will make homes on it. In dealing with these Molokans the appraisement must not be of the value of the land without conditions, but of the value of the land limited by conditions, and the value of those conditions and what they will bring, to the state.

Kakaako seems to be as able to keep up its police record on licensed saloons as well as it used to on swipe joints.

The Jap who thought a haole could not lie must have received his impressions from reading a life of George Washington. However he knows better now, and he has probably found out that George Washington is dead.

What Russia needs is not a ready made constitution, but a ready to wear constitution.

Apparently every time the Czar makes a new concession to the people they celebrate it by massacring Jews.

Is six million the exact number of insect and fungus pests Prof. Crawford found on those oranges, or is he just giving us the round number?

It was thought by many that with the accomplishment of county government some of the old habits of official secrecy would be broken up. But it seems official habits like other habits are hard to break up. The first important inquest held in Honolulu since county government began is held behind closed doors. Must the old fight for publicity in public affairs be made over?

De Witte is quoted as saying that ready made constitutions, like ready

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made dictatorships are seldom successful. The Russian government is a dictatorship that has been a long time in creation and use, but somehow it seems now about as unsuccessful as any ready made dictatorship could be.

Postmaster Pratt is not more anxious to have those registered packages for Christmas mailed early, than those to whom they are going are anxious that they shall be mailed.

### RUSSIA IN BRIEF.

To call a man a "czar" seems likely to mean hereafter just about the reverse of what it used to.

The trouble appears to be that the real fighters among the Russians are not in the army.—The Detroit Free Press.

Doubtless General Treppoff is wishing he had a few regiments of fighting Japs at his beck and call.—The Denver Republican.

The Russian revolutionists seem to prefer a republic with Nicholas in some such office as vice-president.—The Detroit Journal.

Before trying to set up a republic it might be well for Russia to put in a few years setting up little red school-houses.—The Chicago News.

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## "DONT REMEMBER," SAYS TAKADA

THE ALLEGED MURDERER TELLS HIS STORY ON THE WITNESS  
STAND IN JUDGE LINDSAY'S COURT—SAYS HE DOES NOT  
KNOW WHETHER HE STABBED FUGITA OR NOT—DRAMATIC  
CLOSING OF A LONG TRIAL.

"I don't remember," was Takada's sake. Second, I was hurt," said Takada, "and I was afraid. I became practically senseless. I was so excited, Judge Perry. "State whether or not you used a knife on him?" (referring to Takada's alleged victim). Takada described a struggle with Fujita and then said that he was drunk and hurt and afraid and become so excited that he does not know what happened.

Using Interpreter Negoro as a model, Takada gave the jury an illustration of the tussle. For about ten minutes he stood in the middle of the courtroom, with Negoro holding his hair and his breast, in the way in which Takada said Fujita held him. Fujita shook him violently, causing great pain where his hair was held. "He said he didn't care if half a dozen men like me came after him," said Takada, "and I shouted to him five or six times to let go."

Judge Perry asked what occurred next. "I was drunk. I had been drinking